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'Leaders' Rest' dedicated to memory of fallen Iron Soldier

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – Freedom Rest, the U.S. Army's designated location for troop rest and recuperation in Baghdad, opened a new addition last month.

Several Task Force 1st Armored Division brigade and battalion command leadership teams joined Brig. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, 1st Armored Division commander, and Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, CJTF-7 commander, for the opening and dedication of the new facility.

The building was dedicated to the memory of Pvt. Jonathan Falaniko, son of Command Sgt. Maj. Ioakimo Falaniko, 1st Armored Division's engineer brigade command sergeant major.

Pvt. Falaniko was killed in Baghdad earlier this year during an improvised explosive device attack.

When Leaders' Rest was nearly ready for opening, Dempsey and Brig. Gen. Mark Hertling, deputy division commander for support, collaborated to put together a surprise for Falaniko by naming the building "PV2 Falaniko Inn," said Sgt. Maj. Edward Faust, division personnel sergeant major.

"We wanted to show (Command) Sergeant Major Falaniko how much the division appreciates him and the kind of soldier he is. We appreciate the sacrifice that he and his son have made here," said Faust.

Falaniko was not told that the opening ceremony would include a dedication. He said he was honored by his comrades' gesture of gratitude and sympathy.

"The dedication of this facility to my son is a total surprise," he said. "It reminds me how proud I am of my son and makes me proud of the division and what we do."

Faust said the idea behind "Leaders' Rest" is to allow for separation between high-ranking and low-ranking soldiers during their rest and relaxation time off.

"Leaders' Rest is for general officers, brigade and battalion command teams," Faust said. "In order



Command Sgt. Maj. Ioakimo Falaniko, 1st Armored Division's engineer brigade command sergeant major, unveils the entrance to the new Leaders' Rest facility in Baghdad Dec. 23. The building, a rest and recuperation facility for general officers and brigade and battalion command teams, was named in honor of Pvt. Jonathan Falaniko, the command sergeant major's son who was killed earlier this year when his convoy was attacked in Baghdad.

for soldiers to relax, they need to be away from the military environment. This facility will allow leaders to get away from the soldiers they are in charge of as well as allowing those soldiers some space from their leaders."

Falaniko said he hopes that his son's memory will help the military leaders in Baghdad remember what they and their soldiers are fighting for.

"When leaders come through that door and see my son's name, they are going to be reminded of those soldiers out there making the ultimate sacrifice to bring peace and hope to the people of Iraq," said Falaniko. "Maybe it can reinforce our focus on why we are here, and help us carry on the fight."

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News...

China Identifies 2nd Suspected SARS Case

GUANGZHOU, China (AP) - A waitress hospitalized in the Chinese city of Guangzhou was declared the country's second suspected SARS case of the season Thursday, just as the first patient was pronounced recovered and released. The 20-year-old waitress was hospitalized with a fever on Dec. 31. She was under quarantine in Guangzhou's No. 8 People's Hospital.

U.S. Retailers Fare Better Than Expected

NEW YORK (AP) - Consumers who kept retailers in suspense for weeks gave many storeowners a better-than-expected holiday season after all, coming through at the last minute with a big spending spree. Even struggling department stores ended the season with solid results. December results issued Thursday by the nation's biggest retailers showed that late shoppers helped companies offset a slow start to the season.

U.S. Accuses S. Korea of Piracy Failure

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Bush administration on Thursday accused South Korea of failing to halt the piracy of American movies and music that it said was costing U.S. companies millions of dollars in lost revenue. The administration announced that South Korea was being added to a priority list of countries that are subject to special monitoring and consultations aimed at making sure the foreign government acts to address the copyright piracy issues that have been uncovered.

Judge to Decide Fastow's Wife Trial Fate

HOUSTON (AP) - A federal judge promised a quick decision Thursday on whether to delay a scheduled trial for the wife of Enron's former finance chief or to accept a plea agreement with her that also could result in a plea agreement involving her husband. U.S. District Court Judge David Hittner was expected to hold a late morning hearing in the case of Lea Fastow, a former assistant treasurer at Enron Corp. whose husband is Andrew Fastow, a central figure in Enron's scandalous implosion.

SAFETY TIP

Fratricide/Friendly Fire

- ☐ Always ensure positive target identification.
- ☐ Ensure that task standards are followed (i.e., weapons handling, powder-charge preparation, fire and maneuver).
- ☐ Ensure that warnings and reports are timely and accurate.
- ☐ Ensure that soldiers are well trained in land navigation. Reconnoiter when possible.
- ☐ Anticipate the effects of stress and fatigue on soldiers.
- ☐ Anticipate the effects of battle (limited visibility, unsynchronized actions, chaos and confusion).

Sports...

U.S. Skaters Give Computer Scores the Nod

By NANCY ARMOUR, AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) -- Figure skating fans need a scorecard just to keep up with all the different judging systems being used this year.

There's the new, high-tech, computer-based format that was tested by the International Skating Union during the Grand Prix series. There's the traditional 6.0 system being used at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships this week. And then there will be the anonymous, interim system for the world championships in March.

Yes, the computer-based scoring system is getting a much different reception these days than when it was first introduced. Instead of ruining the sport as many feared, it's getting generally positive reviews from U.S. skaters.

The ISU created the new scoring system after the Salt Lake City judging scandal, in hopes of making the sport more accountable. Instead of the century-old 6.0 scale, the new system is based on points. Every technical element, from spins to footwork to jumps, has a set value based on its difficulty. Judges can add anywhere from plus-3 points to minus-3 points to the base value of a jump or element, and plus-1.5 to minus-1 for a spin.

Skaters also get five component marks for such things as choreography and skating skills. The technical and component scores are added for one grand total, and the highest wins.

The new system could be approved for full-time use as early as June at the ISU Congress.

One of the early criticisms of the new system was that it would turn skating into a jumping contest.

Under the 6.0 system, judges have to "place" skaters, and they save marks for better skaters still to come. A skater who competes early might do the best program but won't necessarily be rewarded for it.

And because of factored placements, skaters who finish fourth or lower in the short program can't win the overall event unless the skaters above them bomb in the free skate.

But the system isn't without its flaws. One frequent criticism is that base values of some of the technical elements need to be changed. A triple toe loop-triple toe loop combination, for example, is worth nine points while a quad toe is worth eight. But most skaters say a quad is a tougher jump.

The biggest criticism, though, is the potential for biased judging. Marks are awarded anonymously under the new system, and a judge won't be questioned unless his or her marks are noticeably out of line with the others. The ISU says it's simply protecting judges from outside pressure, but there's no accountability with anonymity.

And while there are criteria for the component marks, those marks are still largely subjective.

Chaplain's thought for the day... Apple of His Eye

David said he was the apple of God's eye. I can always enthusiastically claim that I know who God's favorite child is..."me". And so I am, and so are you, and you...He sees each of us as His favorite and there are no seconds, and thus He will also treat us as such if we respond to His Word with simple obedience and trust.

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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	GOLDI : - GOLD FEVER	TODAY		00:00
00:30	SPORTSCENTER	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			ARMY NEWSWATCH	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		HELEN WEST : - DEEP SLEEP		LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN				01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER			SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	NBA - HOUSTON ROCKETS @ NY KNICKS	MOMMIE DEAREST	RUGRATS : - BACK TO SCHOOL/ SWEET DREAMS	TELETUBBIES : - OUR CALF TREACLE	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - KRAB BORG / ROCK-A-BYE BIVALVE	WHEEL OF FORTUNE	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS : - HALF-DECENT PROPOSAL	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	THE NEWSHOUR	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - BAD DREAMS			04:30
05:00			CHARMED : - HOUSE CALL	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
05:15		DEEP IN MY HEART				05:15
05:30	NBA - PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS @ MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES					05:30
06:00			THE X-FILES : - FALLEN ANGEL	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	CNBC: THE NEWS	06:00
06:30				JUDGE JUDY		06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	SAVAGE EARTH : - WAVES OF DESTRUCTION	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT		07:25
07:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00	INSIDE THE NBA	HEADLINE NEWS	THE LIFE OF MAMMALS		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		08:13
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00	NFL TOTAL ACCESS	SESAME STREET	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - TRIANGLE	CALILOU : - SUMMERTIME	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30				THE WEEKENDERS : - CRY/ THE PERFECT SON		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	TELETUBBIES : - OUR CALF TREACLE	IRON CHEF : - MOCHI/CHEN VS TOSHIYOKI NAKAGAWA	AS TOLD BY GINGER	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE		CHALK ZONE : - FRENCH FRY FALLS! AMAZIN' RIVER! ESCUCHA MI CORAZON! GIFT ADRIFT		10:30
11:00	PGA TOUR - MERCEDES CHAMPIONSHIPS: FIRST ROUND	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	RUGRATS : - BACK TO SCHOOL/ SWEET DREAMS	JEOPARDY!	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - KRAB BORG / ROCK-A-BYE BIVALVE	HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW				11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00			THE SIMPSONS : - HALF-DECENT PROPOSAL	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - BAD DREAMS	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			CHARMED : - HOUSE CALL	KING OF THE HILL : - MAID IN ARLEN	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL				13:17
13:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE X-FILES : - FALLEN ANGEL	THAT 70'S SHOW : - MISTY MOUNTAIN HOP		13:30
14:00		JUDGE JUDY		MEET MY FOLKS	PRIMETIME	14:00
14:30	SPORTSCENTER	TODAY	SAVAGE EARTH : - WAVES OF DESTRUCTION	24 : - DAY 2: 8:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	14:30
15:00						15:00
15:30	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - PAC-10: STANFORD @ ARIZONA STATE					15:30
16:00			THE LIFE OF MAMMALS	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		16:30
17:00		CALILOU : - SUMMERTIME	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - TRIANGLE		HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30	SPORTSCENTER	THE WEEKENDERS : - CRY/ THE PERFECT SON		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00		AS TOLD BY GINGER	IRON CHEF : - MOCHI/CHEN VS TOSHIYOKI NAKAGAWA		THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30	NFL LIVE	CHALK ZONE : - FRENCH FRY FALLS! AMAZIN' RIVER! ESCUCHA MI CORAZON! GIFT ADRIFT		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	RUGRATS : - BACK TO SCHOOL/ SWEET DREAMS	DUMB AND DUMBER		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - KRAB BORG / ROCK-A-BYE BIVALVE			19:30
20:00	INSIDE THE NFL	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS : - HALF-DECENT PROPOSAL		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW : - BAD DREAMS			20:30
20:45				CASUALTIES OF WAR		20:45
21:00	NHL - NY RANGERS @ CAROLINA HURRICANES	KING OF THE HILL : - MAID IN ARLEN	CHARMED : - HOUSE CALL		PRIMETIME	21:00
21:30		THAT 70'S SHOW : - MISTY MOUNTAIN HOP				21:30
22:00		MEET MY FOLKS	THE X-FILES : - FALLEN ANGEL		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
22:30				CINEMA SECRETS : - RACING THROUGH TIME		22:30
23:00	ESPNEWS	24 : - DAY 2: 8:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.	SAVAGE EARTH : - WAVES OF DESTRUCTION	TODAY	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30	ESPNEWS				INSIDE POLITICS	23:30

Today in history... Jan. 9, 1768

FIRST MODERN CIRCUS:

On this day, Englishman Philip Astley stages the first modern circus in London.

Trick riders, acrobats, clowns, trained animals, and other familiar components of the circus have existed throughout recorded history, but it was not until the late 18th century that the modern spectacle of the circus was born. Astley, a *former cavalry sergeant major*, found that if he galloped in a tight circle, centrifugal force allowed him to perform seemingly impossible feats on a horse's back. He drew up a ring and on January 9, 1768, invited the public to see him wave his sword in the air while he rode with one foot on the saddle and one on the horse's head.

Astley's trick riding received such a favorable response that he soon hired other equestrians, a clown, and musicians and in 1770 built a roof over his ring and called the structure Astley's Amphitheatre. In 1772, Astley went to Versailles to perform his "daring feats of horsemanship" before King Louis XV, and he found France ripe for a permanent show of its own, which he founded in 1782. Also in 1782, a competitor in London set up shop just down the road from Astley's Amphitheatre, calling his show the "Royal Circus," after the Roman name for the circular theaters where chariot races were held. In the 19th century, the term "circus" was adopted as a generic name for this new form of entertainment. Astley, who lived till 1814, eventually established 18 other circuses in cities across Europe.

In 1792, English equestrian John Bill Ricketts opened the first American circus in Philadelphia and later opened others in New York City and Boston. President George Washington reportedly attended a Ricketts circus and sold the company a horse. Smaller traveling circuses arose in Europe in the early 19th century, visiting towns and cities that lacked elaborate permanent shows. Larger traveling tent shows evolved in the 1820s. In 1859, the Cirque Napoleon in Paris offered the first "flying trapeze" act, which remains a popular component of the modern circus.

In 1871, William Cameron Coup and showman P.T. Barnum opened an enormous circus in Brooklyn that they dubbed "The Greatest Show on Earth." Ten years later, Barnum went into business with James Anthony Bailey; the "Barnum and Bailey" circuses were so large they required simultaneous performances in three rings.

In 1884, the five Ringling brothers staged their first circus, and they soon were buying out other circus companies, including Barnum and Bailey, which they purchased in 1907. During the next three decades, the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Combined Shows grew into the largest touring organization in the world, with hundreds of tents and an army of workers and performers. The Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey downsized after World War II but continues to tour today. Canada's Cirque du Soleil, which gave an artistic sensibility to its acrobatic acts while shunning the use of animals, was an innovative circus development of the late 20th century.



SAFETY



ANTICIPATED CONDITIONS ON REDEPLOYMENT

- **ZERO VISIBILITY MUST BE ADDRESSED IN RISK ASSESSMENT**
- **PPE (GOGGLES AND SCARVES) SAVE EYES AND RESPIRATORY TRACTS**